

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Theft of Bike and Warrant Arrest

Location: 4700 block of Telephone Rd

Date/Time Occurred: 9/2/20 @ 1800 hours

<u>Officer(s) Involved:</u> Ventura Police Patrol Task Force (PTF), Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

Suspect(s): Cody Brown (8-12-93) vagrant

Report #: 20-57961

Narrative:

Over the past month, there have been approximately 45 bikes stolen throughout the city of Ventura. On 9/2/20, the Ventura Police Department Patrol Task Force and the Street Crimes Unit conducted a crime suppression theft sting at two Ventura locations. The units left bicycles unattended in shopping areas while officers surveilled the bikes. In the 4700 block of Telephone Rd, Cody Brown approached one of the bikes and then took it and began riding away. Officers stopped Brown and took him into custody. Brown also had several outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Brown was arrested and subsequently booked at the Ventura County Jail. A review of the Ventura County Superior Court website shows that Brown has been arrested for drunk in public, under the influence of a controlled substance, petty theft, and resisting arrest.

The Ventura Police Department would like to remind everyone not to leave their bikes unattended, even for a short time, without locking them. Please register your bicycles online through the Ventura Police Department webpage under the tab for Services.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.